



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

- WHEREAS: The freedoms and security that United States citizens enjoy today are direct results of the courage, devotion, bloodshed, and continued vigilance of those who have served and are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS: The sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform, as well as by the family members that support them, have preserved the liberties that enrich our nation and make it unique in the world community; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to eight military installations, with approximately 61,000 active duty servicemen and women, whose service is honored by the state and its citizens with full and grateful hearts; and
- WHEREAS: In 2004, the United States Congress passed a resolution to proclaim May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling upon all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of our nation's liberty and justice, and to demonstrate gratitude and appreciation in honoring the contributions and sacrifices of those presently serving our country, both at home and abroad; and
- WHEREAS: The month of May has been selected for this display of patriotism as it also marks the celebration of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day, National Maritime Day, and Memorial Day; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF